GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Increase in Passengers
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has made any assessment of the rising number of railway passengers travelling between Delhi and Mumbai and other big cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether the Railways is considering other options including increasing the number of coaches in the existing trains with a view to dealing with the said situation; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. During the Financial Year 2016-17 (April, 2016 to February, 2017), 7525.08 million passengers were booked across Indian Railways (including big cities) which is 0.71% more than number of passengers booked during the corresponding period of Financial Year 2015-16.

(c) & (d): Indian Railways continuously strive to cater to increased demand for travel by various measures like introduction of new trains, enhancement of the composition of more popular trains, attachment of extra coaches in the existing trains. Also, special trains are run for clearance of extra passenger traffic during peak seasons, festivals, special events, keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility etc. Running of special trains keeping in view the demand on various sectors is a continuous process.
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